

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/529,910

Examiner

Thai-Ba Trieu

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 07/16/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-11 and 14-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☒ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on July 16, 2007. Applicant's cooperation in correcting the informalities in the Abstract is appreciated. Applicant's cooperation in amending the claims to overcome the claim objections relating to informalities is also appreciated.

Claims 1-4, 9-11, 14, and 17 were amended; and claims 5 and 12-13 were cancelled.

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Applicants is/are required to submit a substitute Oath with the CORRECT STATEMENT set forth below:

"I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56."

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or renders obvious the claimed combination of a rotary positive displacement machine having a casing with a circular cylindrical internal surface delimiting an operating chamber; an orbiting piston in the operating chamber, a generatrix of the external surface being adjacent to the internal surface, and a diametrically opposite generatrix being spaced from the internal surface; a vane

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member mounted on the casing, the vane member having a tip face which faces the external surface of the orbiting piston and which has a length substantially equal to that of the orbiting piston; and a linkage connecting the vane member to the orbiting piston, wherein at least one of the external and internal surfaces being provided with individual compliant strips which are distributed around the one surface, run parallel to one another, and project above the one surface, and including:

"the orbiting piston having a non-rotating outer part and a rotating inner part, and the distribution of the compliant strips the orbiting piston, from respective grooves in the one surface, being such that there is at least one of the compliant strips in contact with the other surface over the majority of the orbit of the orbiting piston."

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai-Ba Trieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (6:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on (571) 272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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